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SUBJECT: BILL INTRODUCED TO LIMIT IMPORTATION OF
FOREIGN FILMS

1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SOLITA ARTIAGA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPEAA), THAT A BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 21 WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN FILMS. ACCORDING TO MRS. ARTIAGA, THE BILL WOULD LIMIT IMPORTATION IN THE FIRST YEAR TO 300 FILMS AND \$3.6 MILLION IN REMITTANCES TO FOREIGN PRODUCERS. IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THE NUMBER WOULD BE REDUCED BY 50 ANNUALLY, UNTIL REACHING A LEVEL OF 150. MRS. ARTIAGA SAID THAT IN 1977, MPEAA MEMBERS (VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MAJOR U.S. PRODUCERS) IMPORTED 99 FILMS AND RECEIVED REMITTANCES OF \$1.8 MILLION. INDEPENDENTS (CHINESE AND OTHER FOREIGN PRODUCERS) IMPORTED AN ADDITIONAL 315 FILMS IN 1977 AND LOCAL PRODUCERS TURNED OUT 194 FILMS.

2. THE MPEAA IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOPAA). MRS. ARTIAGA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ROBERT PERKINS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MPEAA IN CHARGE OF THE AUSTRALIA-ASIA REGION, NOW IN THE U.S., WHO MAY DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH JACK VALENTI, PRESIDENT OF MOPAA.

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3. MRS. ARTIAGA WILL TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BILL, THE HEARING PROCESS, AND PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE. (A SIMILAR BILL WAS DEFEATED IN THE OLD CONGRESS.) SHE PROMISED TO KEEP THE EMBASSY ADVISED. MURPHY

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